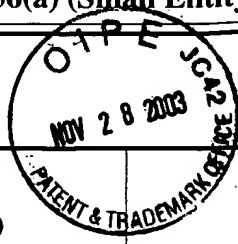


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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No. #15  
IDS-10505/14

In Re Application Of: **Venegas, Jr.**



Serial No.  
**09/597,318**

Filing Date  
**June 19, 2000**

Examiner  
**W. Yip**

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Invention: **STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: August 22, 2003    until: Nov. 22, 2003 (Saturday)  
*Date*    *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

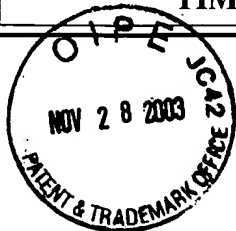
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 -	20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$475.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$475.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$475.00
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1180
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1180

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Dated: Nov. 24, 2003

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited  
on 11-24-03 with the U.S. Postal Service  
as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to  
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